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Communist troops this weekend pushed a government battalion out of an outpost 16 miles south of Hue and a government operation against entrenched Communist units in Ben Cat District, Binh Duong Province, has cost the South Vietnamese forces heavy casualties.

The loss of the government position south of Hue allowed Communist units to push through briefly and harass Route 1. The Communists also conducted artillery attacks against the Phu Bai military complex, but caused only minor damage. The government has sent reinforcements to the area to back up their units under attack.

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West of Saigon, government operations against a Communist base camp have met with stiff resistance. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the government may be forced to break off its attacks until the units can regroup and be re-equipped. Action in the delta and the central highlands is light.